

## REMARKS


At page two of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction among four (4) groups of inventions, namely claims 1-24, drawn to a composition of demineralized bone extracts (Group I), classified in class 424, subclass 549; claims 25-36, drawn to a composition of coated demineralized bone products (Group II), classified in class 424, subclass 549; claims 37-40, drawn to a method of treating tissues (Group III), classified in class 424, subclass 549; and claims 41-48, drawn to a composition comprising an osteogenic agent, classified in class 424, subclass 1+.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of claims 1-24, 25-36, 37-40 and 41-48 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-24 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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